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GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY

Faculty Senate Meeting

Minutes April 17, 2008

Senators (Present = X):

<u>X</u>	E. Alozie	<u>X</u>	T. Kelly	<u>X</u>	L. Proudfit
<u>X</u>	P. Blobaum	<u>X</u>	T. Kim	<u>X</u>	W. Rudloff
<u>X</u>	M. Clark	<u>X</u>	J. Klomes	<u>X</u>	A. Sanders
<u>X</u>	E. Essex	<u>X</u>	N. Lu		J. Simon
<u>X</u>	P. Guimond		G. Lyon		C. Tymkow
	D. Green	<u>X</u>	C. Mietlicki	<u>X</u>	E. Wignall
<u>X</u>	H. Heino		R. Muhammad	<u>X</u>	B. Winicki
<u>X</u>	M. Kasik	<u>X</u>	B. Parin	<u>X</u>	J. Zhao

Guests: President Elaine Maimon, Provost Jane Rhoades Hudak, Karen Caesar Smith, Darcie Campos, Marsha Katz, Colleen Rock, Adam Taylor, Rebecca Wojcik, Adam Zagelbaum

1. Call to Order, Announcements, Introductions – President Blobaum

Call to Order at 1:05 p.m. There was a quorum.

2. Welcome guests:

- Adam Taylor, Student Senate President, Mathematics teacher education
- Darcie Campos, Director of Career Services
- Karen Caesar Smith, Director of Special Events

3. Approval of minutes.

Minutes from March approved with corrections. The revised minutes will be available next month for review.

4. Administration Updates and Reports

• President's Update (Dr. Maimon)

Dr. Maimon has been looking at NCEMS (National Commission on Educational Measurement and Statistics) as far as community college students who should be transferring to 4-year colleges, and GSU is doing well. Dr. Maimon has been at Springfield, where she has testified and been at countless meetings. She reports that she is impressed with how much they understand the needs of higher ed. We are still the lowest in state for tuition and fees even though we have recently raised them. We are working on philanthropy. A draft for strategic planning has been developed that the trustees will read. The Provost is making training available for the deans to help them manage their budgets and allocate funds according to the strategic plan, thus moving toward responsibility-based budgeting.

- **Provost Update (Dr. Hudak)**

We are in a critical stage of getting reading for the Higher Learning Commission accreditation visit on Nov. 9, 2008. She is going to be collecting faculty and student handbooks.

There are several key searches going on. One is the Office of Sponsored Research (OSPR). Becky Nugent is serving as Interim Director. COE search has one candidate that looks promising. CBPA has 50 applicants and 5 excellent candidates.

A small retreat with Graduate Council, UCC, APRC, and EPC will be held on April 24 from 9:00 to 12:00.

A taskforce is looking into calendar options. Trimesters are unique and do not really work with community colleges. Maybe we should go to semesters or quarters. Our current calendar is not conducive to many people, so they are exploring options and looking at data as a response to many “why not” questions.

5. Faculty Reports

- **Bargaining Unit (Marsha Katz)**

The higher ed. rally at Springfield had attendance by faculty and students. A question was raised about the excellence awards: 1 award for 10 teaching faculty seemed too high; did the criteria need to be re-examined? Provosts response: these awards should be for excellence. The number of slots are open. The committee can decide the procedures and make recommendations to the provost who then gives the recommendation to the president. Previous administrations did not always give all 10 awards. The Provost thinks that the committee’s recommendations should stand unless there is a glaring mismatch. A senator brought up the point that the “excellence” awards are not just for faculty, but can be service or research.

- **University Safety Committee Report (Gary Lyon)**

no report

- **UCC (Beth Parin)**

The forms are completed. Faculty should start working on course changes now so that they are ready for fall.

- **APRC (APRC) (Adelle Sanders)**

The committee has almost completed IBHE reports. Biology and Environmental Biology are not completed yet. Three more were sent back for changes. The lack of staff support is an enormous problem. For cyclical annual reviews, Linda Buyer supports with numbers, by request.

- **Educational Policies Committee (Adam Zagelbaum)**

Policy 9. Approved.

Policy 34. Approved

Adam Zagelbaum is stepping down from the committee to accept a job in California. Senate thanks Adam for his service and hard work. Betsy Essex will be Interim Chair.

- **Graduate Studies Council (Jun Zhao)**

No report

- **IBHE (Becky Wojcik)**

The IBHE Faculty Advisory Committee attended the IBHE meeting on 4/1/08. A handout was distributed summarizing their report and is available.

- **UAC (Becky Wojcik)**

No report

- **Executive Committee (Paul Blobaum)**

no report

6. Other Business

President Blobaum suggested Senate recess in July and August.

7. Adjournment 3:20

Next Senate Meeting is May 15, 2008

Respectfully submitted
Connie Mietlicki, Ph.D.

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